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The Onlooker

The Privileges of Citizenship

"I see that you've got the fever, calico tails. So there is another little junket for somebody. Wonder who it will be."

"I see that All Baba has come back from the big island. Who is All Baba? Well, All Baba--don't you remember the fellow in the Arabian Nights and what he discovered in the name for friend Gooding Field. He didn't find any thieves in jars, but what he did find on Hawaii farmed some of the inhabitants over there. It seems awful funny to me that he didn't uncork a few jars when he went through the makeup of Oahu."

"Do you think you know any of that big bunch of business men that is figuring on coming down here on a trip for the purpose of setting more solid with our stockholders? That is going to be a hot bunch and it will do all sorts of good for Hawaii."

"Say, stranger, if you are going to stay here, why don't you hurry up and get on the register, then get a public job and get a chance to go junketing all over the States, and if you worked it real fine you might get as far as Europe. Of course, Doctor Pratt is going to the International Congress of Hygiene at Washington. Doctor McCoy fixed that all right in the suggestion he made a few weeks ago. When anybody wants a junket all they have to do is to get it before the public somehow, and it will go through."

"The latest is that if there is not a delegate sent from Hawaii to the League of American Municipalities that is to meet in Buffalo shortly that league will be shot so full of disappointment that every member of it will be seeing pink cats with

POULSEN WIRELESS NOT SECRET, BALCH SAYS, AND OFFERS PROOF

Manager of Mutual Telephone Company Reproduces Some Messages He Claims Were Sent and Received by Federal Telegraph Company, and Were Intercepted with Marconi Instrument

J. A. Balch, manager of the Mutual Telephone Company, in the following letter to the Star-Bulletin, accepts the challenge of the Federal Telegraph Company to give a thousand dollars if it can be demonstrated that any of the wireless messages sent over the Poulsen system can be intercepted by any but users of Poulsen instruments. The Mutual Telephone manager writes:

Editor:—In the Commercial Pacific Advertiser under date of September 4, 1912, I noticed a statement, presumably coming from the officials of the Federal Telegraph Company, to the effect that the Poulsen system of wireless communication was a secret one, and offering a reward of \$1000 to any operator of a rival system of wireless communication who could intercept or capture such a message.

In behalf of the three operators employed at the Kahuku wireless station, this island (which station is a 10 kilowatt spark equipment, and belongs to the Mutual Telephone Co., Ltd., of which I am the superintendent), I hereby claim such reward, and, furthermore, if the following intercepted messages are not sufficient proof, stand ready at any time to demonstrate how easy it is to intercept the messages sent out by the Federal Telegraph Company's station at Heala, this island. Furthermore, such interception has and will be effected by an ordinary spark system receiving equipment consisting of a Marconi loose-coupler opposed valve tuning coil, and a Galena detector.

Here are a few of the intercepted messages as received at the Kahuku station:

1. On July 24, 1912, at 11:55 p. m. copied the following: Give us another period on Helix and half. We want to try another primary. 12:55: We are using 29 in Helix and 2 composition. Do you want more composition? Give us another period on one Helix and half. How do you get me now? We are using 29 turns and 2 composition. Go ahead and give us another period on Helix and half.

2. Thursday, July 25, 1912, 12:10 p. m.: "PHU" (Poulsen) coming stronger, sent following message. Cunningham, PHC. Mr. Lewers is on the Coast, went up with Shriners and has not returned. Signed C. F. E. Go ahead send a little faster. 12:55 repeated message to Cunningham. Here is a long message here. Have you any? Say, what number turns you using on Helix? Go ahead.

3. September 5, message to Jonas, San Francisco. Kindly let Advertiser have surely nightly scores baseball. Send all Pacific army and navy news. Movements Pacific squadron. Hot Roosevelt, Taft, Wilson news; liberal Japanese, Chinese. (One or two words lost here. Last word is events.)

4. September 5. Here's important test message on which depends a great deal. Repeat it back to me. Sig S. M. NR 4 HU S. M. 27 D.H. from HU September 5, to Matson, 263 Market street, San Francisco, Federal Ischi-droze, Bengeltes they Frutase for Brookline, our beglone cookmat hell-urne harkvrs the findet also Cazza, tellu in full. Signed Castlecook.

5. HU-SM. D.H. to C.N. San Francisco, Ashburn W.U.T. After word promotion will reply local Mutual company charge, dollar and half for ten words cable count with fifteen cents additional to any of Islands. Nothing under dollar and half. Signed McCloskey.

6. Paid HU September 5, 1912. To Hackfrisco, San Francisco. Mykoak-side Hlogixivme Wekumaeffe Atug-nuybu. No signature.

7. HU S.M. 18 D.D. September 5, to C.N. San Francisco. Our four Hackfrisco San Francisco registers interchangeable as H. Hackfeld & Co., Ltd., 310 Sansome street. Signed McCloskey.

Also the following message will prove that the spark stations on the Coast have no difficulty in reading the Poulsen station at that point. This message copied by the PH (San Francisco station.)

San Francisco, Aug. 28, 1912. S. B. Maddams, Honolulu. One hundred dollars (XX) probably leave here first of month. Commercial man leaves tomorrow. Static is surely bad here but have improved receiving so that you are readable between 11 and 12 (not stating a. m. or p. m.), with increased power you should get when sending with loop

grounded when receiving. Tell Mac that have not raised him 5907 73's to all.

C. F. E. Sent from San Francisco station to Honolulu at 12:40 a. m. portion of another message states: "John O. McCloskey leaves on Wilhelmnia today to be manager."

Four years ago (October 1908), on the completion of the Kahuku station, night communication was established between Hawaii and the mainland, and while this service has been an intermittent one, depending to a great extent on atmospheric conditions, still a reliable night communication has been something quite easy to establish at any time during the past four years. This, however, has been held in abeyance for the reason that I have not been able to see how such a service could be made to pay in competition with the reliable day or night cable service Honolulu is enjoying.

During 1911, tests were made from the Poulsen system in San Francisco to our Kahuku station, and while good results were secured on night communications, absolutely no signals could be received during the day hours.

During February, March and April of this year I had the opportunity of visiting several of the Poulsen stations, viz.: San Francisco, Los Angeles, El Paso, Tex., and Chicago, Ill. Also going through many of the Marconi wireless stations along the Eastern coast. My investigations of the merits of these rival systems left me thoroughly convinced of the superiority in every respect of the Marconi system; also, I may further state that suits for infringement of Marconi patent number 763772 and the Sir Oliver Lodge patent owned by the Marconi Company, have recently been started by the Marconi Wireless Telegraph Company of America, in the United States District Court for the Northern District of California. Yours truly, JOHN A. BALCH.

PLAN CAMPAIGN ON TUBERCULOSIS

At a luncheon tendered them at the Pacific Club by ex-Governor George R. Carter, eight of the officials and citizens in Honolulu met yesterday afternoon to plan new campaigns and to thrash out new ideas for the eradication of tuberculosis. Those present represented such institutions as the board of health, the home for incurables and the day camp.

Two things were definitely decided: first, that the need of increasing activity and educational work in the campaign, and second, that the necessary funds for this could best be obtained by another sale of the Christmas seals sold yearly by the National Red Cross Association. These will accordingly be sent for.

Doctor Pratt, president of the Board of Health, was of the opinion that all the tuberculosis work and the anti-tuberculosis work should be centered in the board of health, where records are complete and the data handy and under which plan they would be less tendency toward division of work and conflict of management.

The highest appreciation was shown by the meeting for the interest displayed in the board of health exhibit which has just completed a tour of Maui and Kauai. The attendance at these meetings both on the other islands and in the Honolulu public schools was unusually large and Chinese and Japanese interpreters were used in spreading the doctrine of cleanliness and fresh air.

Return of service was made yesterday to the circuit court in the case of John D. Spreckels and Adolph Spreckels vs. Claus A. Spreckels and Rudolph Spreckels, trustees under the will of the late Claus Spreckels. The suit is for the settlement of property interests left in Honolulu by the late sugar king.

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